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SUBJECT: AUGUST 13 INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REF: USBERLIN 1638

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROTEST DELIVERED IN BASC AT
1500 AUGUST14:

BEGIN TEXT:

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CONVEY TO YOUR AUTHORITIES THIS ORAL PROTEST:

AT 1708 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 13 A FIGHTER AIRCRAFT DANGEROUSLY APPROACHED AN ALLIED CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT (PAN AMERICAN 698) THAT WAS FLYING AT 9,000 FEET ON A PROPERLY FILED INBOUND FLIGHT PLAN IN THE SOUTH CORRIDOR. AT A POINT ABOUT 46 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF TEMPELHOF CENTRAL AIRPORT, THIS FIGHTER AIRCRAFT EXECUTED A VERTICAL CLIMB 200 METERS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT.

THIS ACTION APPEARED TO BE A DELIBERATE MANEUVER WHICH VIOLATED QUADRIPARTITELY-ESTABLISHED RULES OF FLIGHT FORBIDDING THE OPERATION OF AN AIRCRAFT IN A NEGLIGENT AND RECKLESS MANNER SO AS TO ENDANGER LIFE AND PROPERTY.

MY AUTHORITIES POINT OUT THAT DANGEROUS ENCOUNTERS OF AIRCRAFT HAVE OCCURRED ON FIVE RECENT OCCASIONS, NAMELY, MARCH 17, MAY 5, MAY 7, JULY 25 AND AUGUST 13. FOUR OF THESE ENCOUNTERS TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA OF THE SOUTH CORRIDOR. MY AUTHORITIES ALSO RECALL THAT THE INCIDENT OF JULY 25 HAS YET TO BE EXPLAINED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. MOREOVER, THE OCCURRENCE OF THE INCIDENT ON AUGUST 13 SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE YET TO TAKE MEASURES TO PUT A STOP TO SUCH INCIDENTS. AS WE HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT, THESE INCIDENTS, IF THEY CONTINUE, ARE BOUND TO LEAD TO DISASTER.

I PROTEST THIS INCIDENT AND THE LACK OF SOVIET RESPONSE ON THE INCIDENT OF JULY 25.

THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CHIEF CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THIS STATEMENT. END TEXT.

2. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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